

ment with reparations or with projects of cancellation.

The matter is plain enough from our standpoint. The capacity of Germany to pay is not at all affected by any independence of any kind of the allies to the United States.

"The administration must also consider the difficulty arising from the fact that the questions of these obligations we hold and what should be done with them is not a question within the province of the executive. It is a question which deal with public property of this sort, let it be dealt with by it. It has created a commission and instead of giving that commission broad powers such as the administration proposed, which quite apart from cancellation, might permit a sound discretion to be exercised in accordance with the facts elicited, congress has placed definite restrictions upon the power of the commission in providing for the refunding of these debts."

**Germany Must Recupate.**

"But what is our attitude toward the question of reparations, standing as it does, a distinct question and as one which can not be settled unless the European governments concerned are able to agree?"

"We have no desire to see Germany relieved of her responsibility for the war or of her just obligations to make reparations for the injuries due to her aggression. There is not the slightest desire that France shall lose any part of her claims. On the other hand, we do not wish to see a prostrate Germany. There can be no economic recuperation in Europe unless Germany recuperates."

"Some of our people have suggested that the United States should assume the role of arbiter. There is one sufficient answer to this suggestion and that is that we have not been asked to assume the role of arbiter. There could be no such arbitration unless it were invited, and it would be an extraordinary and unprecedented thing for us to ask for such invitation."

"I do not think that we should endeavor to take such a burden of responsibility. We have quite enough to bear without drawing to ourselves all the ill feeling which would result from disappointed hopes and a settlement which was viewed as forced upon nations by this country which at the same time is demanding the payment of its debts."

**Favors Commission.**

"But the situation does call for a settlement upon its merits. The first condition of a satisfactory settlement is that the question should be taken out of politics. Statesmen have their difficulties, their public opinion, the exigencies which they must face. It is devoted to be hoped that they will effect a settlement among themselves and that the coming meeting at Paris will find a solution."

"If statesmen cannot agree and exigencies of public opinion make their course difficult, then there should be called to their aid those who can point the way to a solution."

"Why should they not invite men of the highest authority in finance in their respective countries—men of such prestige, experience and honor that their agreement upon the amount to be paid, and upon a financial plan for working out the payments would be accepted throughout the world as the most authoritative expression obtainable?"

**Americans Might Serve.**

"I have no doubt that distinguished Americans would be willing to serve on such a commission. If governments saw fit to reject the recommendation upon which a body agreed, they would have to do so, but they would have the advantage of impartial advice and of an enlightened public opinion. Peoples would be informed, the question would be rescued from assertion and counter assertion and the problem put upon its way to solution."

"I do not believe that any general conference would answer the purpose better, much less that any political conference would accomplish a result which precludes it from being reached. But I do believe that a small group, given proper freedom of action, would be able soon to devise a proper plan. It would be time enough to consider forcible measures after such an opportunity had been exhausted."

**DEPUTY LEAVES TO RETURN MER ROUGE MAN TO LOUISIANA**

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district closely concerned with activities of the Klan stated that members at Snyder held a solemn meeting Sunday night at the command of the exalted cyclops. Some 20 or 40 members met in the stillness of the Louisiana darkness and set fire to their robes and all other evidence that might show they were connected with the Klan. Letters, records, hoods—all went up in smoke.

Klan members, it was said, have speculated on the possibility that mere membership in this Klan would be cause for indictment as an accessory to the murders, provided it can be proven that Klan members had a part in the brutal assaults on Daniels and Richards. Meanwhile, Burnett shows little concern over his predicament.

Until it is all over Skipworth refuses to make a statement.

**STATE SAVES MONEY BY CUT IN CEMENT**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—The state highway department today received notice of the price reduction of 15 cents a barrel from the Universal Portland Cement Co. The department has contracts with this and two other firms for 100,000 barrels of cement for part of the 1923 paving program. The company provides that the state department receive the benefit of any price reductions. If the other companies make a similar reduction, it is estimated a saving of \$15,000 will be effected by the state.

**FIRM INCORPORATES**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—The Terre Haute Electric Co., a Delaware corporation, was authorized to do business in Indiana today by the secretary of state. The company engages in a printing and publishing business, \$100,000 of its capital stock being represented in Indiana. James S. Royce of Terre Haute is named agent.

## BORAH AGREES TO WITHHOLD CONCLAVE PLAN

Outlines Efforts of Government—Stormy Debate Precedes Decision.

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Sen. Borah, pressing for more definite information, asked if the administration course might "ultimately lead to a conference covering the question of the economic conditions."

"Or to some gathering for the purpose of determining the problem," the senator replied.

"But the senate does know that the feelers have been put out?" Borah pressed.

"That is my understanding," Sen. Watson replied.

"And that it has for its ultimate object the adjusting of the conditions which now prevail in Europe?"

"The aiding of the adjustment," said Sen. Watson, adding that "feelers have been put out for the last two or three months for the purpose of ascertaining the situation and just how far we can go."

**Debate Tempestuous.**

Tempestuous debate preceded Sen. Borah's action. Two Republican intransigents, Sen. Johnson of California and Sen. Moises of New Hampshire, flayed the proposal of the conference on the League of Nations and declared it would lead to European entanglements. The Borah amendment also was attacked by Senator Reed, Democrat of Missouri, who declared, however, that he was willing for the United States to use its good offices in an economic conference of experts but without bringing obligations upon the nation. Sen. Heflin, Democrat of Alabama, spoke again in support of the Borah amendment, after the announcement that it would be withheld, but other senators abandoned their planned speeches.

**CAPTURE BURGLAR BY BLOOD TRAIL**

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inclined to believe that Jaskowiak is implicated in several of the petty house robberies which have been perpetrated in the past few months.

Jaskowiak entered the Electrical store through a rear window and was in the act of gathering up desired material to carry away when Merchant Policeman Bailey, making his rounds, went to the rear of the store. Bailey, a few minutes later heard a heavy crash of plate glass, and upon rushing to Jefferson Blvd. saw Jaskowiak fleeing east on that street.

He then turned south on St. Joseph st., proceeding to Wayne st., fleeing east on Wayne st. and evading his pursuers. Officer Bailey was able to trail the fleeing Jaskowiak from the blood dripping from his wounds, as far as Wayne st., where Jaskowiak was last sighted. In his confession to the police Jaskowiak told them that he knew he was hemmed in and had no means of escape. He seized an electric heater, which he threw at the heavy plate glass window in the front door. While jumping through the broken glass, in an effort to break away the jagged fragments, Jaskowiak's hands were badly cut.

Jaskowiak was identified by the manager of the store last night as having worked for the firm about five years ago.

While Officer Bailey, the manager of the store, and news reporters were standing in the electrical shop, viewing the shattered window pane, Detective Hamilton and his detail stepped into the place, less than an hour after the first alarm was given, stating that they had the man and that he had confessed.

Several hundred dollars worth of electrical goods, sweepers, trunks and household utensils were later found in the alley at the rear of the store.

Robbery occurred about 11 o'clock last night.

**FLORIDA SUSPECT MAY BE SLACKER FUGITIVE**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Sheriff Jones of Leon county announced tonight that while he did not believe a man taken from a train here yesterday was Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the prisoner will be held until it is established that he is not the Philadelphia draft dodger.

Wide publicity has been given rumors that Bergdoll is enroute to this country as a seaman aboard a German vessel bound for a Gulf port and his photograph had been published in the newspapers. A constable who met a train from the west saw a man whom he said resembled Bergdoll's photograph and he arrested him. The prisoner claims he is William Jones of Erie, Pa. His finger prints have been forwarded to Washington for comparison with those of Bergdoll.

**TO CONTINUE FEDERAL SUPERVISION OF FUEL**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—President Harding has decided to continue the existing federal control of fuel distribution for at least another month. It was announced today at the White House. Though Conrad E. Spens, the present head of the office, has resigned and presented a final report to the president upon the emergency measures taken since the end of the coal strike to assist the country in getting a coal supply, an organization will be maintained to continue such distribution activities as are considered still necessary and to act as an assurance against any stringency in the near future.

**WARREN MAY RESIGN AS ENVOY TO JAPAN**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Reports that Ambassador Warren intended before long to tender his resignation as ambassador to Japan brought the statement from a White House spokesman today that President Harding had not received the resignation. It was stated, however, that the administration felt Mr. Warren had performed an important task in cementing friendly relations between Japan and the United States and that it was felt since he had done all consistent with the personal sacrifices entailed in retaining the post he would be permitted to retire at his pleasure.

## YESTERDAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON

Prince Grigorio Casiani, the new Italian ambassador, presented his credentials to President Harding.

The house completed consideration of the interior appropriation bill which carries \$254,000,000, most of it for pensions.

Balthasar H. Meyer became chairman of the interstate commerce commission, succeeding Charles C. McChord, who remains, however, as a member of the commission.

Surveying domestic business conditions, the department of commerce said satisfactory progress had been made during the past year with further advances in prospect.

Credit to a maximum of one billion dollars would be extended to Germany for use in purchasing foodstuffs in this country under a bill introduced by Sen. Bursum, Republican, of New Mexico.

Conrad E. Spens, federal coal distributor, preliminary to relinquishing his post, announced that the bituminous coal situation was "good" and that anthracite production was exceeding expectations. The office, however, will be continued at least for another month.

Sen. Borah, Republican, Idaho, announced he would withhold his proposal for an international economic conference in order not to embarrass negotiations with the administration with a view to aiding Europe.

## GRAND JURY NAMES THIRTEEN IN HUGE LIQUOR CONSPIRACY

Indictments Follow Investigation of Alleged Bootlegging Combine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(By I. N. S.)—Thirteen men were indicted by a federal grand jury this afternoon in an investigation of an alleged \$1,000,000 bootlegging conspiracy involving two big distilleries and a well known firm of New York commission merchants.

The firms involved were the Green River Distilling Co., the Emmentine Distilling Co., Inc., and E. La Montagne's Sons, Inc. It was alleged that illegal sales involved 15,000 gallons of rye whiskey, 216 cases of Scotch whiskey, 500 cases of gin and 10,000 gallons of wine and brandies.

The indictment filed today, Smith asks for an injunction to restrain the members of the mine's union from interfering with his right to work.

**SMUGGLERS EVADE U. S. "DRY" NAVY**

BY W. H. ATKINS

(I. N. S. Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Liquor smugglers imported at least 100,000 cases of whiskey worth 10,000,000 at bootleg prices, into the United States in the week just before Christmas, according to government investigators today.

Prohibition officials admitted fleets of ships operated by smugglers have been making safe landings with their cargoes, because the prohibition navy vessels are now confined strictly to within the three mile limit for purposes of seizure.

Smugglers have brought most of gateway, enormous shipments have gone through the dry enforcement barriers on the Jersey coast. A huge volume of wine has entered through the Canadian border.

Official reports of enforcement officers in Maine declared that on several days last week smugglers brought in as high as 5,000 cases a day.

**Myer Named Chairman of Commerce Commission**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(By I. N. S.)—Balthasar H. Meyer of Wisconsin, today was selected chairman of the interstate commerce commission for a term of one year. Meyer is the senior member of the commission. He succeeds Charles H. McChord of Kentucky.

**Divine Sarah Shows Further Improvement**

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(By I. N. S.)—Madame Sarah Bernhardt, world famous actress, who is ill, showed further improvement today and her friends are hopeful that all danger now is past. She was allowed to leave her bed to receive some intimate friends.

**GIRL 18, WALKS FOR FIRST TIME**

A news dispatch the other day carried an item about a girl, born in China 18 years ago, who has just accomplished the act of walking for the first time in her life. A hip affection was the cause. This is an extreme case and those blessed with good health should appreciate it. You often hear of people being unable to walk comfortably because they are crippled with rheumatism. There is no longer any need of this. If they will buy London's Prescription 1903 and use according to directions, they will gain instant relief and lasting benefits. For sale at the Frumas Drug stores in South Bend, at Wayne & Michigan, Washington & Michigan and Main and Colfax. In Mishawaka at the Red Cross Pharmacy and by mail from London Drug Co., South Bend. Price \$1.00. 352—t

## AMERICA MAKES ANOTHER PLEA FOR REFUGEES

Entente Expected to Decide on National Home for Armenians Today.

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Duke was reported under full steam for the Dardanelles.

The Angora government moved to block any concessions on the part of Ismet Pasha, even in the face of this veiled threat of force.

The Kemalists took away the Turk delegates mandate and required that any decisions reached at Lausanne be referred to Angora for ratification.

**English Favored.**

The conference having become a struggle between British and Turks to shift the blame upon each other for the break now regarded as inevitable, the former have won the backing of all other delegations except the Russians. The United States supported the allied demand for judicial guarantees. France, Japan and Italy, who stood with Great Britain in the matter of capitulations have abandoned the idea of drafting a treaty before the new year, fearing an adverse reply from Ismet Pasha may make such a draft unnecessary.

Turkey is now believed to be jockeying for a position from which it can be made to appear that British resistance to give up the Rich Mossul oil fields was the real cause of the break-down of the Lausanne parley.

**NEW LICENSES NECESSARY.**

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—The Michigan state police have announced that no motorists will be permitted to operate their automobiles here after Jan. 1 without displaying their new license plates. Heretofore a few "days of grace" have been allowed drivers in which to secure their new licenses.

## RENE LA MONTAGNE UNDER INDICTMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—(By U. P.)—René La Montagne, internationally known as a polo player, and his three brothers, Montagu, William and Morgan E. are among 13 men accused in two indictments for violation of the Volstead act returned by a federal grand jury here today.

The jury has been investigating the alleged illegal supply of liquors to members of the Racquet and Tennis club.

The indictments returned today alleged that the LaMontagne brothers have been instrumental in furnishing liquor to many New York club men.

The indictments accuse all of the defendants of conspiracy to violation of the Volstead and internal revenue laws. In addition Mr. La Montagne, Morgan E. La Montagne, Samuel E. Story, John George, Patrick J. McGee and Herbert Horgan are charged with forging and counterfeiting government papers in connection with the purchase of intoxicating liquors.

**AUTHOR AND ENVOY**

**NEAR DEATH IN PLANE**

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(By U. P.)—G. Wells, and Ambassador St. Aulaire had a narrow escape from death today when the airplane in which they were crossing the English channel was caught in a tehrpet.

The plane, carrying the celebrated author and French ambassador to Great Britain, was speeding from England to France when the storm came up.

The pilot, controlling his machine only with great difficulty, managed to turn about and head back toward the English coast. He wind-tossed the plane until it seemed at times as if it would capsize or pitch earthward.

**QUAKE ROCKS TOWN.**

ROME, Dec. 29.—(By I. N. S.)—The town of Avezzano, 25 miles northwest of Rome, was shaken by an earthquake today.

## POLICE SUSPECT MAN IN GASTLY MURDER SCHEME

Former Neighbor Is Believed Person Who Sent Infernal Machine to Chapman.

MARSHFIELD, Wis., Dec. 29.—

Arrests were said to be near today as authorities continued the investigation of Mrs. James R. Chapman, of this community, who was killed by an infernal machine received through the mail Christmas.

A former neighbor of the Chapman family was said to be under suspicion, as a result of the investigation of postal authorities. An arrest will be made before night, officials predicted.

The package, bearing the inscription, "Open on Christmas Day," was opened by Chapman in the presence of his wife and grandson. Mrs. Chapman was killed, the husband's hand was blown to bits and the grandson thrown into hysterics. He still is unable to talk.

The man under suspicion, whose name is not revealed, is said to have been a bitter foe of a farm project favored and sponsored by Chapman.

**ORCHESTRA QUILTS PALACE; DEMANDS 2 EXTRA PLAYERS**

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ushers, it can provide for a larger orchestra.

In the meantime the Palace management has assured patrons that it will continue its shows unhampered by the absence of the striking orchestra and the musicians insist that they will not play again until the matter is settled agreeably to the federation.

Chide a friend in private and praise him in public.

## Friends Laud Duck's Work as St. Joseph Co. Sheriff

Sheriff Lew B. Duck who retires after two terms of service in this office, holds the unique distinction of having led the Republican ticket when elected in 1915 and 1920.

During his terms of office, he has insisted on law enforcement whenever infringements were brought to his knowledge his friends say, and has proved one of the most popular of county officials.

Duck secured the confession from August Schultz, one of the Muesel murderers, that brought about that man's conviction and also supplied the prosecutor with evidence that later convicted Jack Wright who was associated with Schultz in the tragedy. The grand jury has always declared Duck's maintenance of the jail to be of high order.

The retiring sheriff has announced that he will return to the mason and building contracting business in which he was engaged previous to his election as sheriff.

**OFFICIALS DINE.**

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Dec. 29.—Retiring Cass county officials greeted incoming officers at a banquet held Thursday night in the court house here. Judge L. B. DesVoignes of the Circuit court acted as toastmaster and called upon many of the officials for short addresses.

**STATISTICS**

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

Rudolph Martin of Shelbyville, Ind., and Ida Aligood of South Bend, Edward Mathews and Dorothy Weber, both of Mishawaka.

**BUILDING PERMITS.**

One-story frame dwelling, 1202 Fremont st., Millard Hartman, \$1,500.  
One-story frame dwelling, 805 N. Elmer st., W. A. Kehoe, \$3,500.  
One-story frame dwelling, 1725 E. Bowman av., Eli Russell, \$2,000.  
Two-story frame dwelling, 521 N. St. Joseph st., Lyle K. Bunch, \$4,000.

"Dodgem" amusement building, Springbrook park, George W. Owen, \$4,000.

**MOVING PERMITS.**

Michael Hanley, 518 N. St. Louis Blvd., to Sheriff's residence, 118 S. Lafayette Blvd.  
David Yanko, 1625 Kendall st., to 1917 Catalpa av.  
Mrs. Rebecca Pore, 1193 1-2 W. Colfax av., to Grandview addn.  
John Adamski, 817 W. Sample st., to 511 S. Phillips st.

## Deaths

**JERRY MOORE, JR.**

Jerry Moore, Jr., 601 Cottage Grove av., died yesterday at noon in a hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich., as the result of injuries received in an auto accident on Sunday, Dec. 24th.

He was born March 17, 1902 and had lived in South Bend all his life. With his father he was engaged in the drayage and storage business.

Beside his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Moore, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. G. L. Leedham.

The body will arrive in Niles at 2:20 this afternoon and will then be taken to the home on Cottage Grove av.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

**WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS**

Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and liver? Have you, in the morning, a heavy, aching back? Have you a flabby appearance of the face and under the eyes? If so, use Williams' Pink Pills. For sale by all druggists. Price 50c. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS CO., Prop., Cleveland, Ohio. For Sale at Hans' Drug Store.

**DR. KING'S PILLS**

for constipation. Regulate the bowels.

MANY OF THESE GROUPS WILL NOT LAST THROUGHOUT THE DAY COME EARLY



Store Opens 8:30 Closes 5:30

Saturday Open Till 9:30

## Saturday Brings A Storeful Of Marked Reductions

Noteworthy Discounts On Items Slightly Soiled During The Christmas Rush

Sheets—Pepperell, Wearwell, Pequot and Anchor—all sizes—less 15%.

Handkerchiefs—All kinds, at half price.

Neckwear—Collars and sets—Values to \$1.00 at \$25c each.

Gloves—Values to \$1.50, at 89c a pair.

Athena Union Suits—part wool, all styles, mostly large sizes—Values to \$3.50, at \$2.19 each.

Ladies' Union Suits—fleece lined—Values to \$1.25, at 95c each.

Vests—fleece lined—\$1.25 values, at 75c each.

Stationery—finger marked boxes—Paper in perfect condition—all kinds—less 25%.

## Jewelry Store Bargains

Silver Bread and Sandwich Trays in \$4.00 to \$6.00 values, at \$3.00 each.

15 Jewel Wrist Watches in 20 year gold filled cases—\$17.00 value for \$12.00.

\$5.00 Shaving Sets for \$3.98.

1847 Silverware in Cromwell and Queen Anne patterns, at big reductions.

## Savings On Boys' Clothing

Lot 1—Flannel Night Gowns—\$1.00 values at 65c.

Lot 2—Muslin Night Gowns—\$1.00 values at 59c.

The Biggest Opportunity Of The Year To Save!

CHICKEN

DINNER

IN OUR

TEA ROOM

SATURDAY

5 TO 7 P. M.

Lot 3—Percale and Madras Shirts—values to \$1.89, at 89c.

Lot 4—Sweater Coats and Pullovers—\$3.95 values at \$1.50.

Lot 5—Hats and Caps—values to \$3.75 at 50c.

Lot 6—Juvenile Suits in broken sizes—values to \$5.95 at \$2.95.

## Children's Clothing At Very Special Prices

Dalby Sleeping Garments—Sizes 4 to 10—Values to \$1.75, at 95c each.

Coats—Sizes 2 to 16—\$5.95 to \$39.75 values, at 20% discount.

Dresses—Silk and wool—sizes 6 to 14—\$5.95 to \$35.00 values, at 20% discount.

Sweaters—Sizes 30 to 34—\$2.50 values, \$1.69.

Hats—all styles, for \$1.00 each.

## Values In Women's Attire

Cloth Coats—All styles and materials—\$25.00 to \$125.00 values, at \$10.00 to \$100.00.

Fur Coats—Every model in stock at 20% discount.

Dresses—Sizes for women or misses—\$29.75 to \$125.00, at discounts of 20% to 50%.

Waists—tailored and hand made—\$2.95 to \$